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FOLLOWING FYI:

1. AMCIT BRENDAN HANLON, ASST. CRUISE DIRECTOR OF THE
MV RASA SAYANG, WHO WAS BRIEFLY DETAINED IN BALI FOR
ALLEGED SMUGGLING AND POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS SOME WEEKS
AGO, CAME TO SEE ME THIS MORNING WHILE HIS SHIP WAS IN
SURABAYA. HE EXPLAINED WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN BALI, AND
ALSO DESCRIBED HIS TREATMENT BY AUTHORITIES, WHICH WAS
QUITE BAD (SEVEN HOUR INTERROGATION, REQUESTS FOR BRIBES,
ETC.). KEY FIGURE IN THE CASE WAS THE BALI PROSECUTOR,
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NASUTION, WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD NO RIGHT TO A LAWYER OR

ANYTHING ELSE IN BALI.

2. SHIP SAILED AT 1400 HOURS TODAY, IS DUE IN BALI TOMORROW AND DEPARTS FROM BALI ON SATURDAY. WHILE EN ROUTE TO SURABAYA, HANLON RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM BALI AUTHORITIES DIRECTING HIM TO PRESENT HIMSELF TO THEM TO WITNESS THE OPENING OF A SUITCASE WHICH THEY SAY IS HIS, AND WHICH HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SMUGGLED INTO BALI IN JANUARY. HANLON SAYS THE SUITCASE IS NOT HIS, AND THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT. HE THINKS IT IS "SALTED". HE ADMITS ONLY TO HAVING AVOIDED PASSING THROUGH CUSTOMS CHECKPOINT AT PADANG BAI PORT IN JANUARY (APPARENTLY HOTEL BALI BEACH MANAGER JERRY JOHNSTON CAME OUT TO GET HIM FROM SHIP IN HBB SPEEDBOAT; HANLON SAID AUTHORITIES ARE "OUT TO GET JOHNSTON FOR ALLEGED GOLD SMUGGLING AS WELL." CASE SEEMS TO BE AFFECTED BY ALLEGED PERSONAL ANIMOSITIES AT HBB).

3. I EXPLAINED TO HANLON OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEAGER LEVERAGE IN EVENT HE IS ARRESTED, WHICH WEREN'T EXACTLY REASSURING TO HIM. I ALSO SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT HE STAY ON BOARD THE SHIP DURING PORT CALL IN BALI. HANLON FEARS IF POLICE COME LOOKING FOR HIM, THEY WILL IMPOUND SHIP IF HE REFUSES TO DISEMBARK. IN THAT CASE, DECISION WOULD BE UP TO SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

4. I TOLD HANLON TO HAVE HBB ASST MGR BLAKE CALL ME IMMEDIATELY IF ANYTHING HAPPENED. I AM MAKING RESERVATION TO FLY TO BALI SUNDAY NIGHT, WHICH I CAN CANCEL IF HANLON GETS OFF ALLRIGHT ON SATURDAY. (NOTHING COULD BE DONE ON SUNDAY). IF HE IS DETAINED, EITHER CHRISTY OR I WILL PROCEED TO BALI TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP.

5. HANLON IS 43 YEARS OLD, FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN, SEEMS TO BE RESPECTABLE INDIVIDUAL. UNQUOTE
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